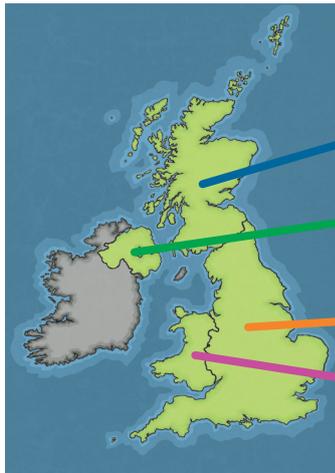


# United Kingdom

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Northern Ireland

England

Wales

## Did You Know...?

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## Getting Around the UK

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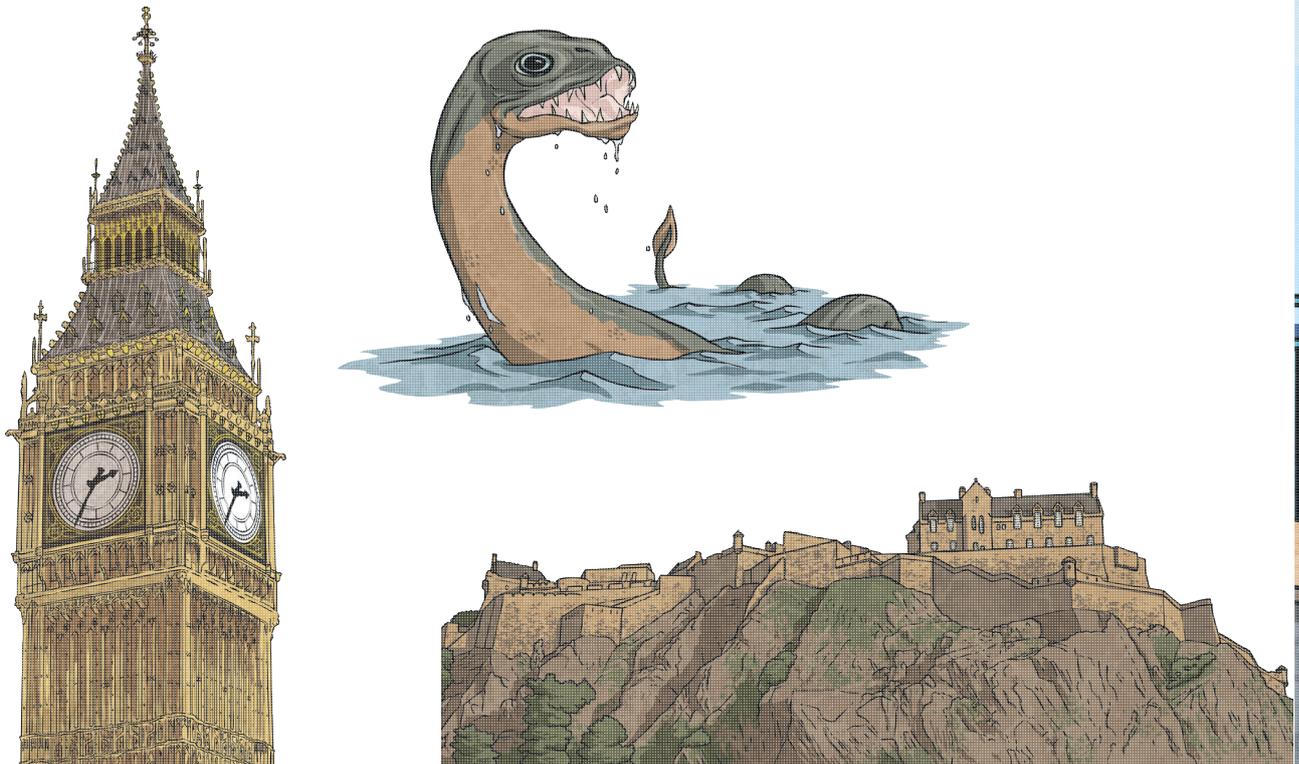
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## Tourism in the UK

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# Questions

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# Answers

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**The countries in the United Kingdom are England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.**

2. Why do you think so many different languages are spoken in London?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think different languages are spoken as many people visit the UK and they would speak different languages.**

3. What is the official language spoken in the UK?

**English is the official language spoken in the UK.**

4. Which months are the coldest and the warmest in the UK?

**January and February are usually the coldest months in the UK and June, July and August are usually the warmest.**

5. At what age do children in the UK start primary school?

**Children start school at the age of 5.**

6. How might you travel across a city in the UK?

**You could travel across a city using underground or overground trains, buses, taxis, car or by cycling.**

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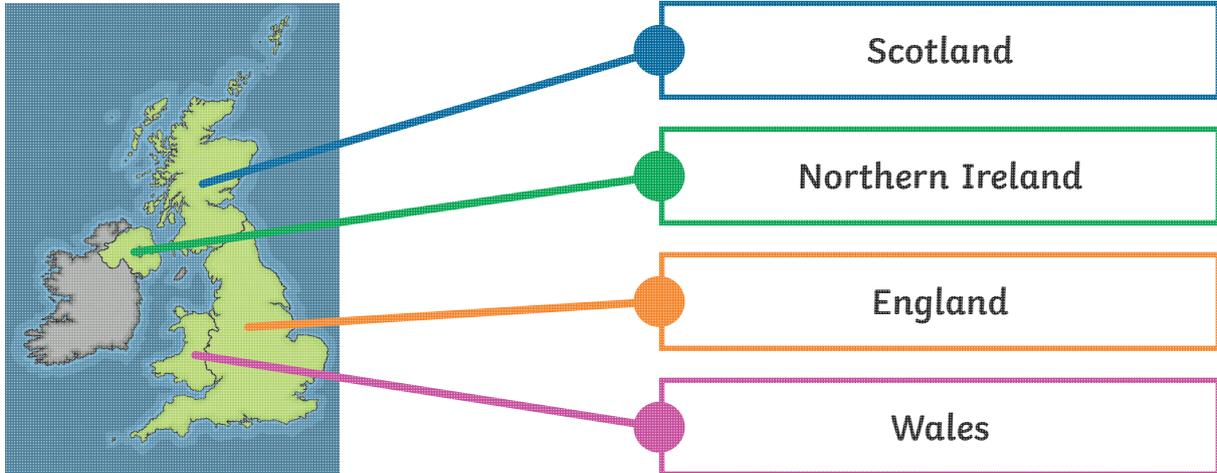
**Accept any of the following: cricket, football, rugby, golf, tennis, horse racing, cycling, motor sports.**

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# United Kingdom

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## Did You Know...?

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## What Languages Are Spoken in the UK?

In the UK, English is the official language spoken. Welsh is also an official language and children in Wales must learn Welsh until they are sixteen years old. Gaelic, Irish and Cornish are also spoken in different parts of the UK.

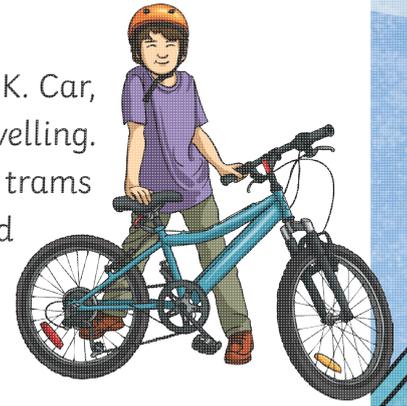
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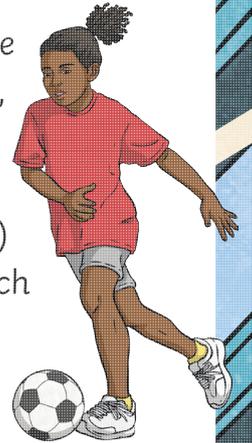
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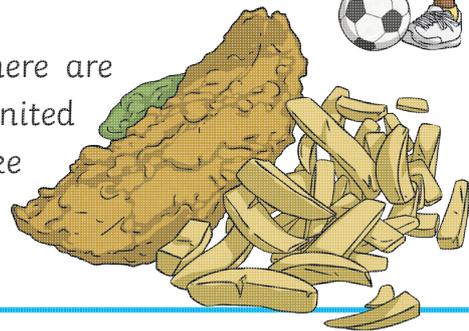
## Sport in the UK

Cricket, football, rugby and golf all began in the UK and many people in the UK enjoy watching and taking part in these sports. Horse racing, cycling and motor sports are also very popular. The UK has played host to major sporting events like the Olympics and the Commonwealth Games. Annual sporting events like Wimbledon (tennis), the Open (golf) and the Grand National (horse racing) attract large audiences at each event and through television or the Internet.



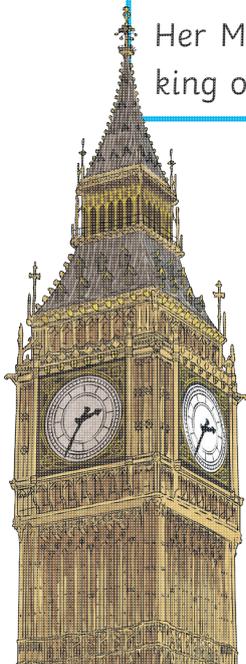
## Food in the UK

Fish and chips are popular all over the UK. There are over 10,000 fish and chip shops throughout the United Kingdom. Cod and haddock are often used to make fish and chips. The fish is dipped in batter and fried until crispy.



### Did You Know...?

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has ruled for longer than any other king or queen in British history. She was crowned in 1952.



## Tourism in the UK

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# Questions

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# Answers

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**The British Empire**

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**Welsh**

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**Education normally starts in nursery before children go to primary school. They join secondary school when they are 11 or 12 and stay in school until they are 16 or 18.**

5. What are the main transport routes in the UK?

**A roads and motorways are the main transport routes.**

6. Why do you think travel by car, van, taxi or bus are the most common ways of travelling in the UK?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think these are the most common ways of travelling as they are the easiest ways to travel on A roads and motorways.**

7. Which annual sporting events are popular with spectators in the UK?

**Accept any of the following: Wimbledon, the Open, the Grand National.**

8. Name a popular food found all over the UK.

**fish and chips**

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**1952**

10. Where do most visitors to the UK come from and why do you think they visit the UK?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Most visitors come from Europe. I think this is because it is easy to travel to the UK from Europe.**

# United Kingdom



## The United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is made up of Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is found in north-western Europe. The UK is surrounded by the English Channel to the south, the North Atlantic Ocean and the Irish Sea to the west, and the North Sea to the east and north. Apart from mainland UK and Northern Ireland, the UK has upwards of 1000 smaller islands such as Shetland, Orkney, Fair Isle, the Outer and Inner Hebrides, the Channel Islands, Rockall and the Isle of Wight.

## Living in the UK

London, the capital city of the UK, has a mixed, multicultural population. For hundreds of years, people from all over the world have come to live in the UK. This has led to a diverse society where different languages and traditions can be experienced.

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## Languages of the UK

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## Weather around the UK

People in the United Kingdom can experience many different types of weather in a single day. The climate of the UK is generally cool, often cloudy and rainy. Temperatures in the north of Scotland



and the south of England can differ by 10°C to 15°C. January and February are usually the coldest months in the UK, with temperatures ranging anywhere between below 00°C and 100°C. In June, July and August, temperatures can be in the range of 20°C to 30°C.

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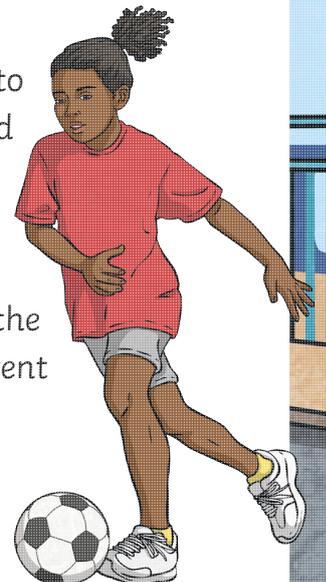
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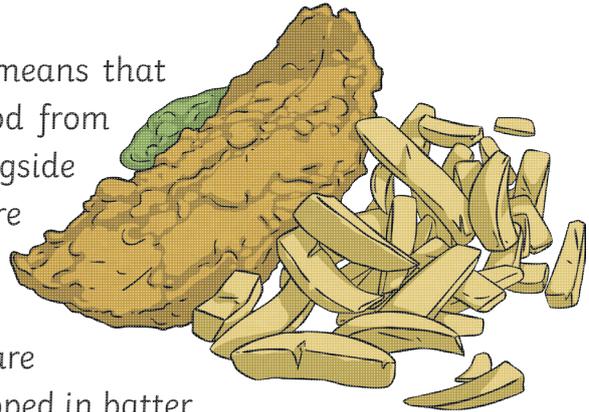
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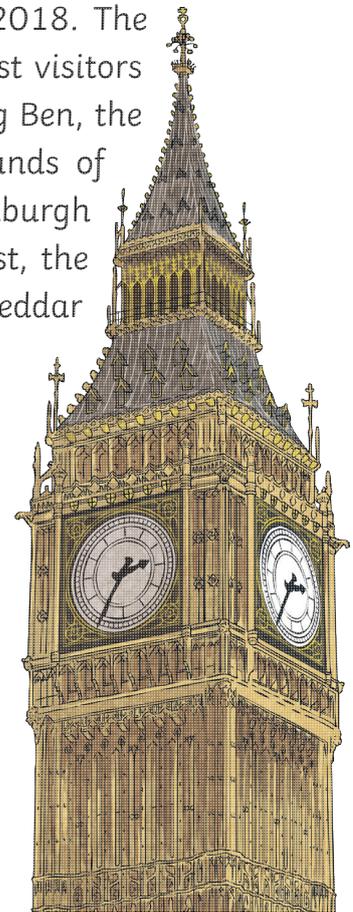
## Food

The multicultural population of the UK means that food can also be varied and diverse. Food from across the world can be found alongside traditional foods. Fish and chips are popular all over the UK. There are over 10,000 fish and chip shops throughout the United Kingdom. Cod and haddock are used to make fish and chips. The fish is dipped in batter and fried until crispy.



## Tourism

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has ruled for longer than any other king or queen in British history. She became queen in 1952. The Queen is devoted to her duty as monarch and she is highly regarded and much loved by the general public.

# Questions

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# Answers

1. Why could the United Kingdom be described as an island nation?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think it could be described as an island nation because it is surrounded by oceans and seas and there are many islands that are a part of the country.**

2. At one time it was said that the sun did not set on the British Empire.  
What does this mean?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think this means that the British Empire included many countries all around the world and that it was always daytime in one of them.**

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: less people in rural areas.**

7. Of all the sports popular in the UK, which do you think is most popular? Give reasons for your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the most popular sport is football because everyone likes football and lots of people support different teams.**

8. Why do you think fish and chips is such a popular food across the UK?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think fish and chips is a popular food because it is tasty and there are lots of shops across the country.**

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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I would most like to visit Stonehenge because I have read about it and it sounds like a really interesting place to visit.**